

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1 1. A method of providing remote access to a non-Internet enabled software application  
2 for displaying utility data, the method comprising:  
3 providing a host system capable of communicating with a client system over an  
4 Internet connection, the host system having an Internet-ready framework;  
5 embedding the non-Internet enabled software application in the Internet-ready  
6 framework locally on the host system; and  
7 permitting selective access to the host system by the client system to access and run  
8 the non-Internet enabled software application to display utility data.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the utility data are acquired automatically from one or  
2 more remote terminal units.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the utility data include power use data.

1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
2 prompting a user of the client system to enter a password; and  
3 permitting access to the host system only if the password entered by the user is  
4 identical to a predetermined password.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein:  
2 permitting selective access to the host system includes permitting selected access to  
3 selected data stored on the host system; and  
4 running the non-Internet enabled software application includes plotting the utility data  
5 in a graphical format.

1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the utility data include a utility consumption time  
2 series.

1 7. A computer program, residing on a computer-readable storage medium for providing  
2 remote access to a non-Internet enabled software application for displaying utility data, the  
3 computer program comprising instructions to:

4 provide selective access to a host system capable of communicating with a client  
5 system over an Internet connection, the host system having an Internet-ready framework;

6 embed the non-Internet enabled software application in the Internet-ready framework  
7 locally on the host system; and

8 permit a client system with access to the host system to run the non-Internet enabled  
9 software application to display utility data.

1 8. The computer program of claim 7 wherein the utility data are acquired automatically  
2 from one or more remote terminal units.

1 9. The computer program of claim 7 wherein the utility data include power use data.

1 10. The computer program of claim 7 further comprising instructions for:

2 prompting a user of the client system to enter a password; and

3 permitting access to the host system only if the password entered by the user is  
4 identical to a predetermined password.

1 11. The computer program of claim 7 wherein:

2 permitting selective access to the host system includes permitting selected access to  
3 selected data stored on the host system; and

4 running the non-Internet enabled software application includes plotting the utility data  
5 in a graphical format.

1 12. The computer program of claim 11 wherein the utility data include a utility  
2 consumption time series.

1 13. A computer system for providing remote access to a non-Internet enabled software  
2 application for displaying utility data, the system comprising:

a host system capable of communicating with a client system over an Internet connection;

an Internet-ready framework running on the host system embedding the non-Internet enabled software application; and

a controller that permits selective access to the host system by the client system to access and run the non-Internet enabled software application to display utility data.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein the utility data are acquired automatically from one or more remote terminal units.

15. The system of claim 13 wherein the utility data include power use data.

16. The system of claim 13 wherein the controller:  
prompts a user of the client system to enter a password; and  
permits access to the host system only if the password entered by the user is identical to a predetermined password.

17. The system of claim 13 wherein the controller permits selective access to the host system by permitting selected access to selected data stored on the host system, and running the non-Internet enabled software a application includes plotting the utility data in a graphical format.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein the utility data include a utility consumption time series.